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For: MODIFIED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND	)	
METHODS FOR DETERMINING THE	)	
PRESENCE OF A NUCLEIC ACID	)	
ANALYTE IN A SAMPLE	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with the above-captioned application, kindly enter the following preliminary amendments and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments**

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title of the invention to read --MODIFIED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND METHODS FOR DETERMINING THE PRESENCE OF A NUCLEIC ACID ANALYTE IN A SAMPLE--.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly amend the specification as follows: